

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the "Specification of the Bluetooth System – Part E" (hereinafter "Bluetooth Specification").

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicant's independent claims of the present application includes limitations not disclosed or taught by the Bluetooth specification. As a result, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by the Bluetooth specification.

In particular, applicant's independent claims 1, 7, 10, 13, 16, 20, 23, and 26 include the limitation, or limitation similar thereto, of: connecting to each service for which a record exists in the set of records, utilizing a service name of each of the services to initiate respective connections. (Emphasis added.) (Applicant's claim 1.)

The claimed limitation of utilizing a service name of each of the services to initiate respective connections is not disclosed nor suggested by the Bluetooth specification. Rather, the prior art is limited to disclosing making services available for connection with other devices over the Bluetooth virtual bus. Each service is assigned a virtual communications port, which may be modeled on the COM ports.

However, keeping track of virtual communications ports assigned to specific services is difficult. Virtual communication port assignments may change over time for a variety of reasons, such as devices disengaging or engaging with Bluetooth virtual bus or devices undergoing internal reconfiguration.

Applicant's invention, as claimed, overcomes the shortcomings of the prior art by utilizing a service name of each of the services to initiate respective connections, rather than the respective virtual communications port.

As a result, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by the Bluetooth specification. Furthermore, applicant's remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims and are therefore also not anticipated by the Bluetooth.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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